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Laughlin flies first T-38C sortie

By Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein
Editor

Tuesday marked the first T-38C flight at Laughlin Air Force Base.

Maj. Doug Jenkins, 87th Flying Training Squadron assistant director of operations, and Maj. Ron Price, 87th FTS check flight instructor pilot, had the honor of flying the sortie.

The pilots took the T-38C on a low-level sortie over Big Bend National Park in an hour and twenty minute flight.

“The flight was fantastic,” said Major Jenkins. “The new equipment was awesome. It makes navigation unchallenging.”

The equipment Major Jenkins was referring to is the avionics package which brings the T-38 into the 21st century, he said.

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Photo by Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein

Maj. Ron Price, 87th Flying Training Squadron check flight instructor pilot, climbs in a T-38C Tuesday on the flight line before the first Laughlin T-38C sortie. Maj. Doug Jenkins, 87th FTS assistant director of operations, flew the sortie with Major Price.

Digital X-rays make economic impact at Laughlin

By Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi
Staff writer

As aircraft inspection and technology improve in our 21st century Air Force, Laughlin is at the cutting edge with a digital X-ray inspection system, which has the potential to save the base approximately \$400,000 annually.

A member of the headquarters Non-Destructive Inspection office, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. visited Laughlin Aug. 24 to document the success of the state-of-the-art system with photos to be shared with other bases.

Digital X-ray inspection was approved Air Force wide in January for

inspecting and detecting defects in aircraft.

“Laughlin Air Force Base is the first base in the command to use a digital X-ray system,” said Robert Hodson, NDI inspector here.

The 3-month testing phase of the digital X-ray system, which took place here in October 2003, evaluated how the system worked and made recommendations on the system.

“We perform X-ray inspections on aircraft looking for defects, such as cracks, foreign objects, moisture in honeycomb, and we look for crack regression to determine when the airplane requires general repair,” said Mr. Tim Selfridge, supervisor of the NDI

office here. “This process is now done digitally, which means unlike the traditional wet-film X-ray process, there is no longer any film involved.”

“The digital X-ray system is much more sensitive. With it, we can find defects that couldn’t be found using the film and we can manipulate images a lot better,” Mr. Selfridge said. “The system has turned out to be a really good process.”

Since the approval of digital photography, Mr. Selfridge said Laughlin NDI shop has noted other benefits of the digital X-ray, besides its high sensitivity.

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Newslines

SUPT class 04-14

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 04-14 will graduate at 10 a.m. today in the Anderson Hall auditorium.

All base members are invited to attend.

Congratulations

Tech. Sgt. Rory McGlothlin, 47th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron, has been selected for master sergeant by a supplemental board conducted Sept. 3.

Arts and crafts bazaar

The Officers Spouses Club is holding the Border Bazaar, its 15th annual arts and crafts event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Fiesta Center. It is free and open to all base members.

POW/MIA Day events

Laughlin is holding a POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at 5 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Wing flagpole. Retired Col. Fred Kiley, author of Honor Bound, will be the guest speaker.

Two Air Power calls are scheduled at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Anderson Hall auditorium. Colonel Kiley will speak at both calls and local artist Guadalupe Vargas will join him at the 3 p.m. call. All Laughlin members are invited.

Deployment stats

Deployed:	56
Returning in 30 days:	13
Deploying in 30 days:	17

Mission status

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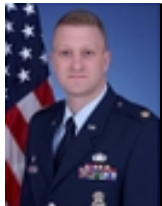
Days behind or ahead:

T-37, -10.78	T-1, 2.50
T-38, 0.55	T-6, -8.94

Mission capable rate:

T-37, 87.5%	T-1, 87.1%
T-38A, 68.4%	T-6, 82.0%
T-38C, 63.4%	

Force protection: Everyone's business



Commander's Corner

By Maj. Aeneas Gooding
47th Security Forces Squadron
commander

When General Jumper assumed his duties as the Air Force Chief of Staff, he immediately outlined his force protection vision. He developed the ideas that every airman can be a sensor and that we all play a part in defending our bases.

This is true in both a deployed or home station environment.

It is easy to assume our enemy is thousands of miles away: terrorists in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

However, we must never forget that we have been attacked by terrorists on our home soil, and must be careful not to let complacency enable another such assault.

It is all too easy to think, "We're isolated and have no local threat..." Therefore, we need everyone's commitment to fight complacency every day here at Laughlin.

In this modern world of terrorism everyone is a target. In accordance with General

Jumper's vision, every airman, NCO, officer, civilian and contractor on our base is a line of defense.

That maintenance troop on the flight line is highly capable of detecting an unauthorized person around the aircraft—those maintenance troops work together every day, and know who belongs there. In fact this is true of all work areas—you are capable and responsible for noticing suspicious activities.

As a result, you become the functional expert in force protection for your work section.

We need your eyes and ears to keep our base safe.

Security forces has its own role in this fight as well.

We are the front line deterrent and protectors, and are poised to keep the major threats off the base.

We are here to ensure that the next Oklahoma City or Khobar Towers does not happen on Laughlin Air Force Base. This is why your vehicle will occasionally be searched, and why we check IDs at the gates 24 hours a day, and understand this can cause backups at the gates.

Most people's first reaction is to get frustrated at the delays; however, you can use your time in line to support force protection efforts—look

"You are capable and responsible for noticing suspicious activities. As a result, you become the functional expert in force protection for your work section. We need your eyes and ears to keep our base safe.."

for that car parked alongside the road with someone sitting in it, watching traffic patterns. Look for the illegal alien seeking shade under one of the trees along the perimeter, remembering that not all illegal immigrants are "just searching for a better way of life."

With an increasing number of illegals from countries other than Mexico, there is an increased chance of terrorists and their supporters coming across the border illegally.

Don't get mad at the troop on the gate, for they are doing what they have been trained to do...keep you safe, and be as vigilant as possible to detect threats before they appear.

Finally, remember—force protection is everyone's business...we need to keep Laughlin's mission on track, and without force protection, there can be no force projection.

Air Force needs gold-medal standard

By Lt. Col. H.B. Brual
91st Operations Support Squadron
commander

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — Over the past week, I've been watching the world's best athletes compete in numerous sporting events at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. During the television coverage of the games and the post-

event interviews, I noticed two common themes from the athletes' comments. First, the competitors worked extremely hard to prepare for the Olympics, and second, they possessed the desire to be the very best in their respective disciplines.

These two themes bring to mind the phenomenal effort and work ethic of our own Airmen and how our people

exemplify the third of our Air Force core values, excellence in all we do.

Similar to the world's best athletes, Airmen practice and work hard before they are ever called upon to perform their respective tasks. Regardless of career field, we can see it in all of our work centers. Take a moment to look around and

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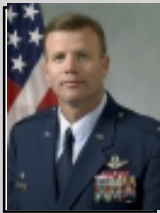
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Col. Tod Wolters
47th Flying Training
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Call 298-5351 or email
actionline@laughlin.af.mil

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By including your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also useful if more information is needed to pursue your inquiry. We will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

Before you call in or e-mail an Actionline, please try to work out the problem through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved. Please keep e-mails brief.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions. Below are telephone numbers that may be helpful when working your issue with a base agency.

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Chapel	298-5111
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
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MEO	298-5400
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"Through trust and teamwork, train expeditionary airpower experts to fight and win America's wars."

— 47th Flying
Training Wing
mission statement

Roche, Jumper send Patriot Day message

By Dr. James G. Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — On the third anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, the world will remember those tragically lost (because of) the heinous actions of terrorists in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. These were attacks against freedom, democracy and humanity that carried a high human toll as citizens from the United States and many other countries lost their lives.

"This Patriot Day, we honor the memories of those lost, and we pay tribute to those answering freedom's call to combat terrorism around the world.

"Your efforts over the last three years have been phenomenal.

You continue to professionally safeguard the skies of America. You have dispersed al-Qaida and toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan. And, you were instrumental in ending a cruel regime in Iraq and ensuring that a new, democratic government could take root.

"Our superior total force of active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen continue to brilliantly answer America's call to defend peace and freedom. Our country is confident in your capabilities and proud of your service.

"Unfortunately, on this, the third Patriot Day, our mission is not complete. Those who indiscriminately killed more than 3,000 people on Sept. 11, are still dedicated to terrorizing our nation and the world because we value life,



believe in liberty and welcome democracy as the people's voice.

"Let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way to defend the American way of life. And, let's ensure their families are taken care of while they're away from home.

"As Airmen, our cause is just and noble. Our country depends on us to stay the course.

"Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America."

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you can see our Airmen training for the ultimate competition — war, where there is no second place. Bottom line: our Airmen are ready because they work hard during the preparation phase of each operation.

The second theme, the desire to be the best, is reflected in the numerous accolades and awards Airmen here have received over the past year. Team Minot has the best security forces squadron and group within the Air Force, the best Air Force services squadron, the best space intercontinental ballistic missile wing at Air Force Space Command's Guardian Challenge Competition, the best ICBM crew in the Air Force, as well as a multi-

tude of other awards.

But it is important to note that we cannot sit on our past accomplishments, expecting to receive the same laurels and awards without the hard work and sacrifice necessary to be the very best.

Maurice Green ran the men's 100-meter race in 9.87 seconds, a time equal to his gold-winning performance in the 2000 Olympic Games. Four years later, that same time was only good enough for bronze. The competition continues to improve, and to stay at the top, we must as well.

Teddy Roosevelt was giving a speech at the Sorbonne in Paris and he said, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds

could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly."

It is Airmen who deploy, maintain our planes and missiles, and provide security for these great weapons. It is Airmen who preserve our freedom and way of life. And unlike the Olympics, where athletes compete in fields of friendly strife, we serve in a more dangerous and exacting environment.

Our great nation expects — no, deserves — the very best from all of us, because we cannot afford to receive anything but the gold medal. Therefore, we must continue to improve and strive for excellence in all we do.

T-38C, from page 1

“The T-38A is using 1950’s technology,” Major Jenkins said. “The C-model has 21st century avionics and electronic technology. The biggest difference is the ease of navigation, especially in unfamiliar environments. It is much more (advanced) than what we had before.”

Students will see this kind of technology in follow-on aircraft, so it is an excellent opportunity for them to start learning it here, said Major Jenkins.

Each of Laughlin’s T-38As will be modified with the new package. The conversion, which takes place in Mesa, Ariz., takes about two month per aircraft to complete.

Four 87th FTS instructor pilots have been trained on the T-38C. They had eight simulator rides here at Laughlin and then check flights at Randolph AFB or Vance AFB, Okla. Along with Majors

Jenkins and Price, Lt. Col. Eric Morgan and Capt. Chris Nemeth are trained on the T-38C.

These four pilots will now train the roughly 80 other Laughlin T-38C pilots here. The 87th FTS will have 16 pilots trained by Nov. 19 when Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-10 becomes Laughlin’s first class to train on the aircraft. Laughlin will convert to all T-38Cs around June or July 2005.

While the flight only took an hour and 20 minutes, Major Jenkins said a lot of time and effort by many individual are what made it happen.

“There has been six months worth of work to get this sortie off the ground,” Major Jenkins said. “People in the 87th FTS, maintenance, Boeing and Leer Siegler, Inc., worked hard getting all the parts and pieces of the puzzle together to make sure that this airplane was ready for us to fly. The kudos really goes to them.”



Photo by Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi

Flying solo ...

Second Lt. Christian Hamilton, 85th Flying Training Squadron student pilot, prepares to take his initial T-37 solo flight here Tuesday. The flight is the last T-37 initial solo to be flown at Laughlin.

Legal office states private organizations guidelines

Compiled by the 47th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

On Laughlin Air Force Base there are a number of private organizations.

Such organizations engage in activities to improve the quality of life of the base service members and bring together persons with common interests including charity, culture, sports and hobbies.

A private organization is a self sustaining special interest group, set up by people acting outside the scope of any official position they may have in the federal government. Private organizations are not integral parts of the military service nor are they federal entities.

Additionally, they are not nonappropriated fund instrumentalities nor are they entitled to the sovereign immunities and privileges given to NAFIs.

Private organizations operate on an Air

Force installation with the written consent of the wing commander and must follow the guidance set forth in AFI 34-223. The 47th Services Division chief monitors and advises all private organizations.

Any activity, request for support or project sought to be undertaken by a private organization should be routed to the 47th Services Division chief for prior approval.

Such requests should not be directed by the private organization to the base legal office. The legal office is not authorized to provide legal advice directly to a private organization.

Private organizations are a valuable resource for many base personnel.

For more information on private organizations or to start a private organization, go to www.gf-services.com/NWS/assets/images/PvtOrg03.PDF or contact the 47th Services Division at 298-5810.

The Family Support Center offers services to help families prepare for deployment and keep everyone in touch during deployments. For details, call 298-5574 or 298-5620.

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These benefits include elimination of chemical and hazardous wastes, better images, significant reduction in the amount of radiation required and produced, cost- and time-savings.

“This process doesn’t require paint removal or special cleaning which makes it more cost effective,” he said.

The imaging plate used in the digital photography, which replaces the film, can be reused more than 100,000 times, and the images produced can also be saved in a disk for future use.

In terms of cost effectiveness, and depending on the number of aircraft X-rayed, the system would save Laughlin more than \$400,000 when an imaging plate is used 100,000 times for 275 aircraft, said Mr. Selfridge.

In addition, he said unlike the traditional X-ray system, images produced on the digi-

tal system can be sent via electronic mail.

After an X-ray has been processed using the traditional system, the film has to be dried using heat and electric energy. “With the new system we don’t have to worry about wasting these energies,” Mr. Selfridge added.

A process of recouping silver from used film, called ‘precious metal recovery,’ is also eliminated. “This process also costs the Air Force a lot of money,” he said.

Mr. Selfridge said by eliminating the cleaning of film processor machine parts after each use, workers are not exposed to hazardous chemicals, therefore the digital X-ray system provides money and environmental savings.

“We (NDI personnel) use X-ray to determine serviceable parts of aircraft and provide safer aircraft to our pilots to make the flying mission a reality,” he said.

Terrorism targeted against freedom, Wolfowitz says

By Sgt. 1st Class
Doug Sample
*American Forces Press
Service*

WASHINGTON – Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Tuesday that the target of terrorism is not so much America, but freedom itself.

At a daylong conference sponsored by the Rand Corp. that addressed steps to deal with the war on terrorism, Wolfowitz told Rand terrorism experts that the Sept. 11 attacks were a “wake-up call” for the United States. He

called the deaths of more than 3,000 Americans and foreign citizens “cold-blooded murder.”

“We learned in one shattering and horrific attack that evil remains on the loose,” he said, adding that “the target is freedom itself.”

Wolfowitz said that winning the war on terrorism will mean “sowing the seeds of hope and expanding the appeal of freedom in the Muslim world.”

During his speech, the deputy secretary referred to four basic principles that must guide the U.S. strategy in

combating terrorism.

First, the U.S. must realize that the struggle against terrorism will be a long struggle. Terrorism is “not something we will win in three years, or eight years, or perhaps even decades,” he said. “But we will win, even though victory will probably not be marked by anything so dramatic as a signing ceremony on the USS Missouri or the collapse of the Berlin Wall.”

Second, the U.S. must use all the instruments of its national power, including military force, against terrorists.

Next, the war on terrorism must be waged in multiple theaters, including in the United States. “We need to sequence our efforts so that we focus our energies in the right places at the right time,” Wolfowitz pointed out.

Finally, the struggle against terrorism is ideological as well as physical. “We must do more than simply kill and capture terrorists,” he said.

Quoting President Bush, the deputy secretary said the United States must work to build “a just and peaceful world beyond the war on terror and particularly in the Muslim world, so that we can offer a vision of life and hope and freedom to counter the terrorist vision of tyranny and death and despair.”

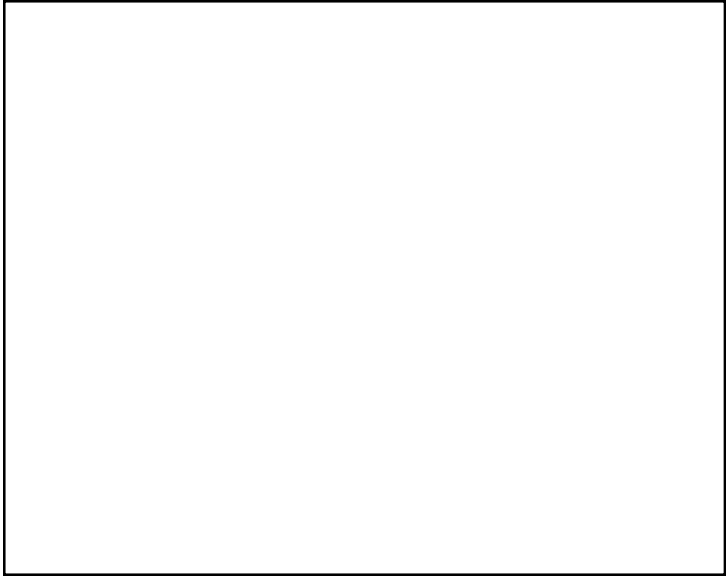
Wolfowitz noted that the war on terrorism will be a “long and determined” campaign, “one that will use all the resources of the United States to win.” He added that the United States will not stop until the terrorist networks are destroyed.

The deputy secretary also thanked U.S. service members for their roles in helping win the war on terrorism. He said because of their actions, 50 million people in Afghanistan and Iraq have been freed from brutal tyranny.

“Afghanistan and Iraq are one their way to becoming America’s U.S. allies in the fight for freedom,” he noted.

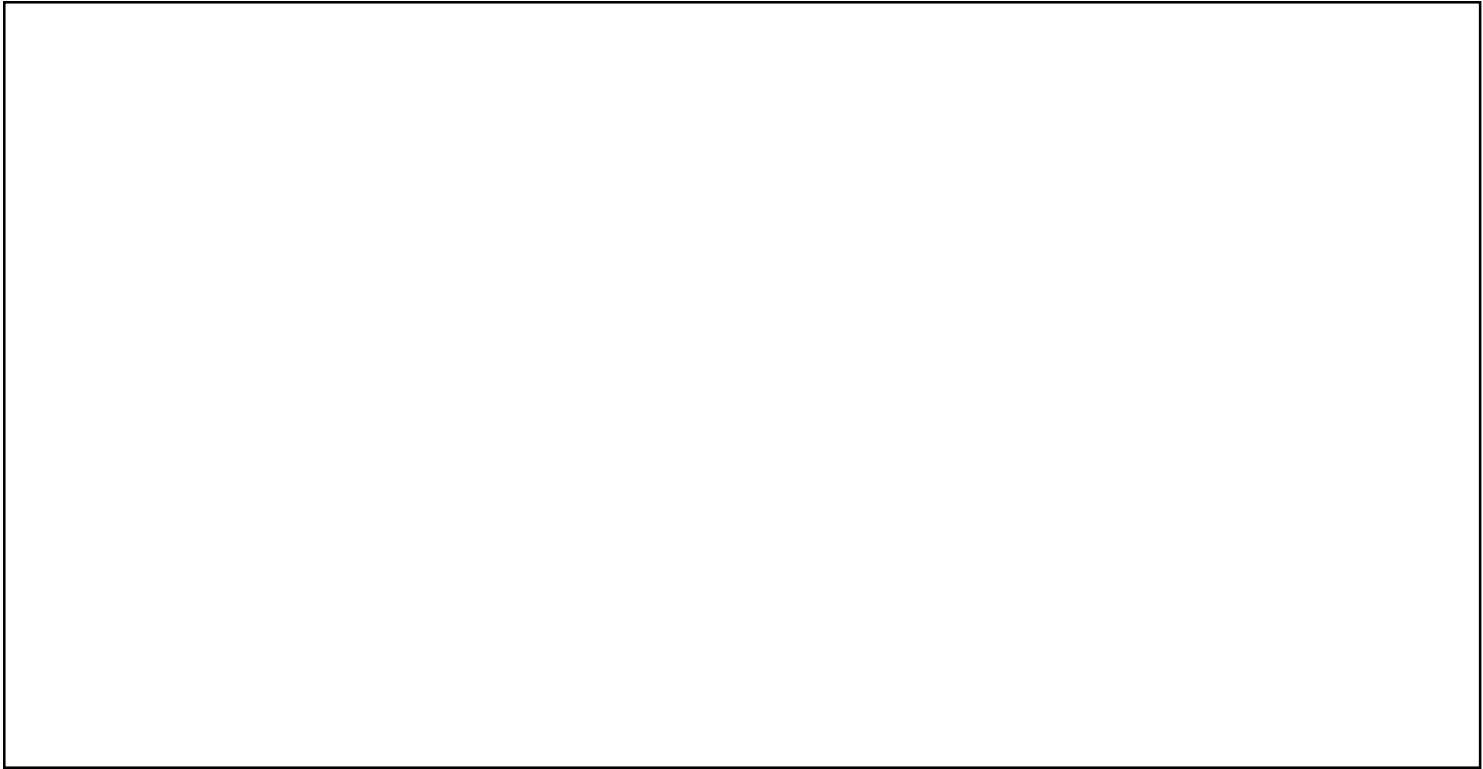
During the conference Rand researchers presented findings of their research on several terrorism-related topics, from how terrorists think to how to defend against a suicidal terrorist.

Other topics included curbing al-Qaeda recruitment, preventing terrorist use of nuclear weapons, and applying lessons learned in fighting terrorism in Iraq.



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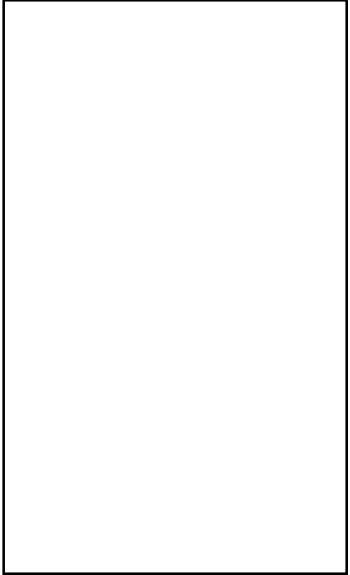




Photo by Master Sgt. Efrain Gonzalez

Hurricane Frances...

Staff Sgt. Chris Saberniak isolates a broken power line Monday after Hurricane Frances hit Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., and the surrounding community. Sergeant Saberniak is an electrician with the 45th Civil Engineer Squadron.

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F-15E,
Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



Capt. Lewis DeMaso
KC-135,
RAF Mildenhall, England



Capt. Michael Steele
F-16C,
Springfield ANGB, Ohio



Capt. Jon Zackary
C-17, (AFRES)
March AFB, Calif.



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T-1,
Laughlin AFB



1st Lt. Kristopher Wolfram
F-15C,
Tyndall AFB, Fla.



1st Lt. Jose Zambrano
RC-135,
Offutt AFB, Neb.



1st Lt. Christopher Zielinski
C-17,
McGuire AFB, N.J.



1st Lt. Gregory Zielinski
C-17,
McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Chad Bannwarth
C-130, (ANG)
St. Joseph ANGB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Chase Bodenhausen
C-130, (ANG)
St. Joseph ANGB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Matthew Crawford
C-130, (AFRES)
Minneapolis ARB, Minn.



2nd Lt. Joseph Gorman
T-6,
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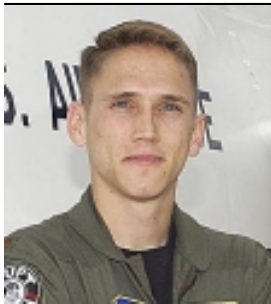
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B-52,
Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Jason Pruitt
A-10,
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Justin Riester
C-21,
Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Ryan Schmid
C-5,
Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Brett Vander Pas
T-38,
Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Thomas Verhey Jr.
T-6,
Laughlin AFB



2nd Lt. Alex Wolfard
F-16C,
Springfield ANGB Ohio

Lieutenant colonels, colonels eligible for time-in-grade waiver

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are again offering lieutenant colonels and colonels a reduction of the time-in-grade requirement for retirement.

Reduction of the three-year time-in-grade requirement for those officers to retire in their current grade dropped to no less than two years.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche authorized personnel officials May 6 to reduce the time restriction. That offer reopened Aug. 12 for fiscal 2005.

“We remain focused on solving our end-strength problem through voluntary programs,” said Maj. John Silverman, chief of Air Force retirement and separation policy.

“The recent law change allowing officers to retire with a minimum of two years time in grade is reflective of that effort and was another tool in our kit for which we wanted to take advantage,” Major Silverman said.

“We are presently taking applications for retirement dates through Sept. 1, 2005, and expect a higher application acceptance rate over last year’s fiscal program, especially since our officers have more time to plan for retirement.”

-- Maj. John Silverman
Air Force Retirement and Separation Policy chief

“Although relatively small, this program helps us toward meeting our mandated Air Force ends strength. As part of the force shaping, we also opened a similar opportunity for our retirement eligible senior noncommissioned officers, waving up to 18 months of their obligated service commitment for putting on a new stripe.”

Retiring officers must meet the following criteria:

n Must be a lieutenant colonel or colo-

nel on active duty with at least two years and less than three years time in grade on the requested retirement date to retire under this authority.

n Must have served at least 20 years of total active federal military service and 10 years commissioned service by the requested retirement date to be eligible to request a reduced time-in-grade retirement.

n Must have served satisfactorily in grade.

n All Air Force specialty codes may apply.

n Deployed people may apply; however, the requested retirement date must be at least 30 days following their return to home station. Member must retire not later than Sept. 1, 2005. Deployment periods will not be curtailed.

n Waivers of active-duty service commitments will be given according to the limited active-duty service-commitment waiver program.

Officers under investigation for alleged misconduct, pending the disposition of an adverse personnel action for alleged misconduct, or recalled to active duty, are ineligible for

the waiver.

The number of people permitted to retire with the reduced time in grade is limited to no more than 2 percent of the total number of people on active duty in that grade during each fiscal year.

The Air Force is projected to have 10,460 lieutenant colonels and 3,640 colonels on active duty Oct. 1. Two percent of these totals equate to a maximum of 212 lieutenant colonels and 72 colonels who may retire with the reduced time in grade in fiscal 2005.

“We are presently taking applications for retirement dates through Sept. 1, 2005, and expect a higher application acceptance rate over last year’s fiscal program, especially since our officers have more time to plan for retirement,” Major Silverman said.

“As soon as we meet the two percent ceiling, the program will close,” he said.

Officers interested in this program can contact their servicing military personnel flight, or visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape2.htm.

Chapel information

Catholic

<i>Monday - Friday</i>	1 Mass, 12:05 p.m.
<i>Saturday</i>	1 Reconciliation, 4:15 p.m.or by appointment 1 Mass, 5 p.m.
<i>Sunday</i>	1 Mass 9:30 a.m., 1 Religious Education, 11 a.m.
<i>Thursday</i>	1 Choir: 6 p.m. 1 Rite of Christian Initiation, 7:30 p.m.

Protestant

<i>Wednesday</i>	1 Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies’ Bible Study, 9 a.m. 1 Choir, 7 p.m.
<i>Sunday</i>	1 Contemporary worship, 9 a.m. in the base theater 1 General worship (a blend of Liturgical and contemporary worship), 11 a.m.

Chaplain Staff

<i>Wing chaplain:</i>	Chap. (Lt. Col.) Joseph Lim, Roman Catholic
<i>Senior Protestant:</i>	Chap. (Capt.) Terri Gast, Presbyterian Church, USA
<i>Protestant:</i>	Chap. (Capt.) Alex Jack, Independent Christian Church
<i>Protestant:</i>	Chap. (Capt.) Kenneth Fisher, Evangelical Church Alliance

For more information on other denominations, chapel events or services, call 298-5111. For information on special events, see the Community Calendar on page 16.

DEL RIO...

Story and photos by
2nd Lt. Sheila Johnston
Public Affairs

(Editor's note: This article is the final in a 4-part series on activities in and around Del Rio.)

Del Rio is full of history, intrigue, gun-slinging, Old West trail stories and more. But, most of these stories seem too far-fetched to have any realism... until visiting the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry, about one hour Northwest of Del Rio on Hwy 90. Judge Roy Bean established a

saloon and billiards hall near Del Rio. It was here he held front-porch court sessions and dealt punishment to rowdy patrons or local outlaws. Since the town had no jail, punishment typically amounted to a fine-pocketed by Judge Bean. Judge Bean named his establishment the Jersey Lilly Saloon after English actress Lillie Langtry with whom he had a personal fascination. The saloon, pictured at right, and billiards hall are where patrons played pool, raised commotion and bet on billiards; it is also where Judge Bean dealt punishment from his one law book and eventually died March 16, 1903, only eight months before he was to finally meet the

famous actress. He was later buried in Del Rio. The visitor's center is sectioned into three main areas-the main visitor center, two restored buildings and a cactus garden. The first is organized like any other Texas roadside information center. As you walk in, there are brochures, a tourist information clerk and Texas bumper stickers. This visitor's center, however, also has a phonograph on display and a series of five holographic video dioramas with scenes recreating major historical events in Judge Bean's life including a boxing match hosted in Mexico to keep Texas Rangers from breaking it up. The scenes also show

the joining of two major rail companies, the punishment dealt a betting pool player and a monologue scene with Judge Bean wondering why he cannot convince Langtry to visit. Behind the main building, Judge Bean's actual saloon and billiard hall is open for viewing. Then, just beyond the Jersey Lilly, Judge Bean's Opera House, Town Hall and Seat of Justice has been re-established. While it may sound like a small town, it is simply a one-room house where the judge lived. The inside has been recreated with donations such as a period-specific bed, table and wood-burning stove from the Whitehead Memorial Museum and others. It is rumored



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that Judge Bean named his home the Opera House to lure Langtry to visit.

In addition to the three buildings already mentioned, the visitor’s center has a Cactus Garden displaying many plants indigenous to this region.

The cactus garden, also pictured at right, houses an impressive collection of cacti used for a variety of purposes. Some are used to make cures for fever or rheumatism, while others are used to make soap and alcohol. Among the plants on site, the Aloe Vera plant pictured below soars over visitors since it is about eight feet tall.

Visited by more than 46,000 guests in 2003, the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center has a knowledgeable staff and information on a variety of Texas tourist sites including locations in Del Rio and the surrounding areas.

For more details, call the center at (432) 291-3340 or visit the Texas Department of Transportation website at <http://www.txdot.state.tx.us/>

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If you know of a hidden jewel in Del Rio and would like to see it featured in a future edition of the Border Eagle, call Public Affairs at 298-5988 or e-mail the information to sheila.johnston@laughlin.af.mil.

(Left) The Cactus Garden located on the premises of the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center holds many Native American and pioneer cures for a variety of ailments. Additionally, the garden displays cacti and other plants not so user friendly. The variety of plants in the garden is so vast, it would take an entire article to cover them well. However, the Aloe

Vera plant pictured is an anomaly at about eight feet in height. This is quite an incredible amount of sunburn-relief.



AND BEYOND

The *XLer*

Airman 1st Class Wendell Richards
47th Security Forces Squadron



Hometown: Greenville, Ala.
Family: Son, Wendell Richards Jr.
Time at Laughlin: Eight months
Time in service: One year, three months
Hobbies: Going to the gym
Bad habit: Smoking
Favorite movies: *Menace to Society* and *Boys in the Hood*
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? My son.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Olufemi Owolabi

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the Air Force?

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Student pilots find new meaning to phrase ‘taking the bus’

**By Airman 1st Class
Cecilia Rodriguez**
*14th Flying Training Wing
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COLUMBUS AIR
FORCE BASE, Miss. –What
has a wing, four tires, steer
horns, tan couch cushions
and makes animal noises?
The answer is a bus for
students attending a special-
ized undergraduate pilot

training class here.
“(We) came up with the
idea for the bus when we met
the night before pilot training
started,” said Capt. Andy
Builta, the senior-ranking
officer of the class. “We
thought it might be a good way
for us to display class cohesive-
ness and also prevent any
drinking-and-driving inci-
dents.”
Shortly after they fashioned
the idea, the class found a bus

for sale at a used car lot.
To support the effort, each
of the 26 students pitched
in \$100.
“The project was
definitely worth the
money,” said 2nd Lt. Kim
Jones, student pilot.
“Working on the bus and
deciding how we wanted
to present it to the base
and the community really
brought us together as a
class.”

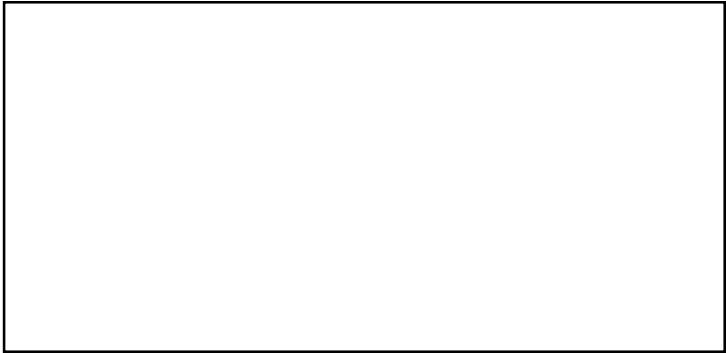
To get the bus ready for
new paint, Captain Builta
contacted the manager of a
local auto body shop for
some pointers.
The class held a “sand-
ing party” to prepare the
vehicle for new paint. At the
same time they began
upgrading the interior with a
love seat, a stereo and two
distinctive horn systems.
“One [system] plays
sirens, music and animal
sounds, while the other just
goes, ‘Aahhhooogggaaa!’”
Captain Builta said.
Once the bus was
prepared for painting, a local
auto-body shop manager
helped the crew tape off the
windows at his shop and
painted it for the students.
The manager also helped
them mount the wing on the
roof and the steer horns on
the hood.
Students completed the
project while still in Phase
One of pilot training. Since
then, students have been able

to travel together for events
such as their first day on the
flightline, downtown lunch
appointments and weekend
outings.
“We always have a
designated driver,” Captain
Builta said. “We are able to
bring people back to the base
who should not be driving
late at night, even those who
didn’t ride downtown in the
bus. This helps keep every-
one safe.”
One advantage of the
bus clearly outweighs other
means of transportation,
Captain Builta said.
“The biggest benefit is
that it keeps our class
together,” he said. “Pilot
training is a team effort, and
this project guarantees that at
least once a week, we’ll
come back together as a
team with the bus.”
The class graduates in
April. The students said they
plan to sell the bus to
another student-pilot class
after graduation.



Photo by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Second Lt. Virgil Watson steps off his class bus. Student pilots of a specialized undergraduate pilot training class ride the bus to and from class, downtown for lunch and on weekend outings. The students pooled their money together to buy the bus to emphasize class cohesiveness.



Tune to base **Cable Channel 34**
for information about Laughlin activities.

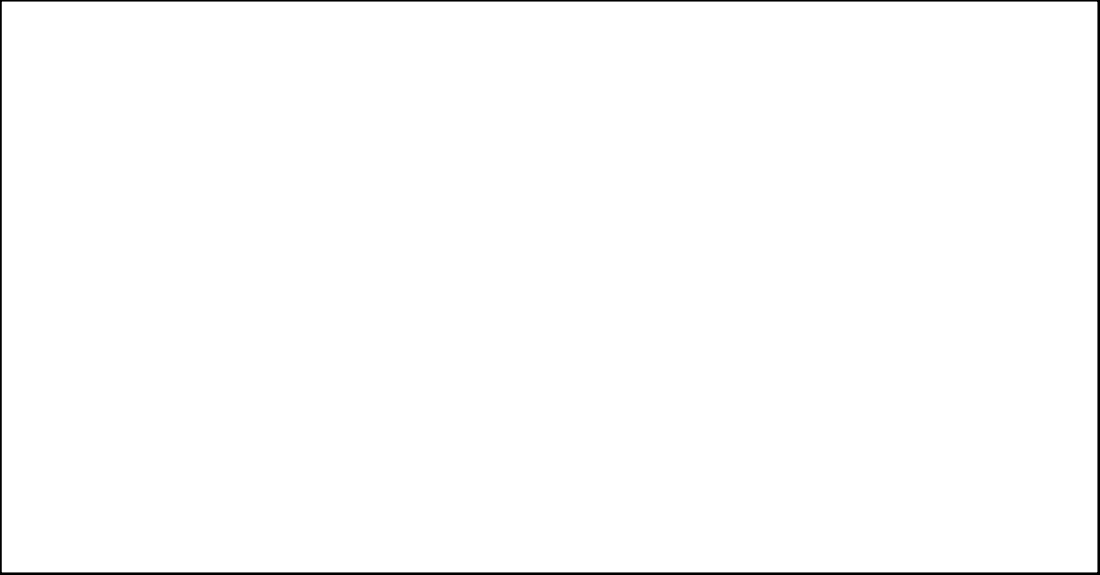




Photo by Josie Mendoza

And the winners are...

Right to left: The winners of the base golf tournament, Dave Britt, 1st flight winner, Bobby Sotelo, 2nd flight winner, Matthew Collins, overall base champion and Martin Brennan (far left), 3rd flight winner, pose with Frank Hurt, Leaning Pine Golf Course manager after the tournament. The base golf championship was hosted from Saturday through Monday at the golf course here.

Sportslines

Equipment classes

The Fitness Center holds exercise equipment training classes every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and every Thursday at 5 p.m. The training is offered on exercise and cardio equipment to individuals who would like to learn the basics of the equipment. To sign up for a class or for more information, call 298-5251.

Flag football sign up

Letters of intent for flag football teams are due to the fitness center by Wendesday. For more information, call 298-5251.

Andale Del Rio

Andale Del Rio, an annual health and fitness community event, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 18 at Buena Vista Park on Fox Drive in Del Rio. Activities include a health and fitness fair, children’s car seat inspections, basketball shoot, canine demonstrations and walking and running events. People interested in volunteering to help may call 298-6464.

Sit-up competition

The fitness center is holding a sit-up competition at 1 p.m. Sept. 23. Participants competes as a two-person team in either the men’s, women’s or coed division. For more information, call 298-5251.

XL
Fitness
Center
hours

Monday - Thursday:
5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday:
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday:
7 a.m. to 8. p.m.

Holidays:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Xlers compete in Football Frenzy Forecast

Over the next 17 weeks, a group of 10 Team XL members will draw from their in-depth knowledge and study of the sport of football to forecast the victors of each week's National Football League games.

Handpicked to represent their group and wing staff agencies, the five members photographed below will forecast winners for the first half

of the season, games 1-8. Starting at Week 9, a new representative from each group will take the ball and run with it through Game 16. The prognosticator with the best record in the first half of the season will square off against the second-half winner to predict the outcomes of the last week of regular season games for overall winner's bragging rights.

Catch all of the opening-day NFL games at Club Amistad's Sunday Football Frenzy. Equipped with 7 televisions, plus one huge projection screen TV, Football Frenzy is open to all ranks. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Club members are eligible to win weekly prizes and enter the drawing for the end-of-season grand prizes which include a plasma screen TV,

an X-Box system, NFL playoff tickets, and tickets to the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl.

For more football action, come out for the Club's Monday Night Football party, where you can play Football Bingo for a chance to win weekly prizes, and take advantage of food and beverage specials.



1st Lt. Matt Wolthoff, 47th Medical Group



Staff Sgt. Sean Flansbaum, 47th Mission Support Group



James Sutton, 47th Maintenance Directorate



1st Lt. Wes Stark, 47th Operations Group



Airman 1st Class Sara Wacenske, Wing Staff Agencies

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Oak. at Pitt.
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Dal. at Minn.
N.Y.G. at Phi.
Atl. at S.F.
K.C. at Den.
G.B. at Car.

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86th takes down OSS, 10-4, faces CES

By Senior Airman Timothy J. Stein
Editor

The 86th Flying Training Squadron defeated the 47th Operations Squadron, 10-4, in playoff softball Wednesday.

The game decided who would play the undefeated 47th Civil Engineer Squadron Thursday in the championship game.

The 86th and OSS met each other in the losers bracket of the double elimination tournament after both teams lost to CES, the 86th in the second round and OSS in the third round.

After holding OSS scoreless in the top of the first inning, catcher Mark Enriques, started the inning for the 86th with a single over OSS third baseman Clifford Hickok's head. The next batter, Robert Arnett, walked setting up Kiel Gilliland's double which scored Enriques. Ricardo Cornejo then nailed another double scoring Arnett and Gilliland. Dane Christensen ended the scoring for OSS by ripping a single which scored Cornejo, putting the 86th up 4-0.

The second inning didn't go any better for OSS. Aaron Baccus had a lone single for another scoreless half. The

86th went three and out also.

The 86th added three more runs to their lead in the bottom of the third inning. Jonathan Karnes led off with and single and scored when Enriques hit a single on the next pitch. After Arnett walked again, Gilliland added two more RBI to his night by hitting a single scoring Karnes and Enriques. The 86th got one more point later in the inning when Arnett scored off a sacrifice fly by Christensen.

OSS was finally able to get on the board in the fifth inning. David Doan started the inning by hitting a single between the third baseman and shortstop.

He scored on a sacrifice fly by Baccus. The next two OSS batters, Keith Young and Matt Pope, both got on with singles and scored on a hit by Quantrell Anderson. Anderson was thrown out at third however ending the OSS rally. The 86th didn't waste too much time reclaiming their seven point lead however. With two outs in the bottom of the fifth, Arnett and Gilliland got on base with singles and Cornejo then hit a three-run inside-the-park homerun to bring the score to 10-3.

OSS scored one run in the seventh when Baccus scored off a Young hit. It was a case of too-little-too-late however as they lost the game 10-4.